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Hello,

Attached and copied below, please find the HQ EOC Management Report for EPA's Response to Harvey. The HQ EOC has been issuing this report daily since August 31. This management report represents a transition from twice daily Spot Reports on Hurricane Harvey to a more detailed daily report.

If you have any questions, please contact the EOC Manager at 202-250-8903 or the Deputy EOC Manager 202-250-8904. Thank you.



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HURRICANE HARVEY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Information contained in this report reflects HQ and regional reporting from the most recently completed operational period as well as other reports provided by HQ, regional and interagency sources.

Executive Summary

Hurricane Harvey made landfall at 2300 ET, August 26th, as a Category 4 storm near Rockport, Texas. Harvey was downgraded to a Category 1 with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph and located approximately 25 miles southwest of Victoria, TX by 0700 on August 27th and moving northwest at 6 mph. Harvey stalled over southeastern TX through the middle of the week. Due to the slow motion of Harvey and a prolonged period of onshore flow, water levels remain elevated. The impacted area received more than 50 inches of precipitation, and catastrophic flooding occurred. Harvey was eventually downgraded to a tropical storm with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph.

Tropical Storm Harvey was located about 5 miles west of Cameron, Louisiana moving northeast at 7 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph. On the forecast track, the center of Harvey will move across the lower Mississippi Valley and Tennessee Valley through August 31st. Harvey is expected to produce additional rainfall accumulations of 3 to 6 inches from southwestern Louisiana and the adjacent border of eastern Texas northeastward into western Kentucky through September 1st, with isolated amounts up to 10 inches. While the threat of heavy rains has ended in the Houston and Galveston area, catastrophic and life-threatening flooding will continue in and around Houston eastward into southwestern Louisiana for the rest of the week of August 28th.

The remnants of Harvey will track northeast across the Tennessee and Ohio Valley over the next couple of days. Heavy rainfall will expand northward with 10 inches expected across western TN and KY. The heavy rainfall will lead to locally significant flooding, but widespread or long lasting impacts are not expected. In addition to the threat for heavy rainfall, isolated tornadoes will also be possible. Rivers and bayous in southeast TX, particularly in the Beaumont and Port Arthur regions will likely remain in major to record

flooding through next week with several crests not being reached until this weekend. Flooding will continue across much of the middle and upper TX coast into southwest LA for several weeks.

Arkema Chemical Explosion:

On August 31st, at approximately 0345 ET, two explosions were reported at the Arkema Chemical Facility located in Crosby. Arkema is a Risk Management Plan (RMP) facility. It manufactures liquid organic peroxides and two substances, sulfur dioxide (anhydrous) and 2-methylpropene are present at, or above, the minimum threshold quantity for RMP applicability. There have been no accidental off-site releases of applicable RMP chemicals from the facility in the previous five years.

According to local responders and media, one of the eight refrigerated trailers on site auto-ignited and burned and it is being reported that an additional trailers have auto-ignited as well. Officials had warned that the plant could explode after its coolant system for the organic peroxide tanks and backup generators failed due to damage from Tropical Storm Harvey. Flooding prevented repairs from being made. Employees evacuated the facility on August 29th and an evacuation order was established for residents within a 1.5 mile-radius of the facility on August 30th. As of this morning, no injuries were reported. Poison Control Centers are set up in TX to help citizens who have health concern questions concerning the Arkema facility or other flood-related health questions. EPA deployed an On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) to the scene and other EPA emergency response personnel in TX are in direct contact with first responders in Harris County and are providing federal assistance and resources.

Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is conducting air monitoring in the area. The Harris County Fire Department is maintaining a 1.5-mile evacuation order around the facility. Poison Control Centers are set up in TX to help citizens who have health concern questions concerning the Arkema facility or other flood-related health questions.

EPA's Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology (ASPECT) aircraft has been making multiple overflights of the Arkema facility. ASPECT has performed 5 overflights with no detections, with the exception for 2 detections if benzoyl peroxide at approximately 5 ppm which is just above the detection limit. Mobile ground air monitoring for pollutants of concern including VOCs, SO2 and CO. Monitoring is being conducted at locations accessible given current flooding and exclusion zone. Four air monitoring teams from EPA, Harris County Pollution Control and Liberty County are conducting monitoring around the exclusion zone. So far all reading are non-detect at ground levels.

EPA teams report that temperature in the trailers have stabilized overnight due to cool conditions and because the material was initially refrigerated, aiding in the cooling of the trailer itself. Internal temperatures are expected to rise again once ambient temperatures increase today (around 90 degrees). As of 4:30pm on August 31st, Arkema reported that three additional peroxide trailers are close to Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature (SADT) which is between 19 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit depending on the type of peroxide. Region 6 continues to work with the Interagency Modeling Atmospheric Assessment Center on modeling of anticipated future releases at the site. The modeling products are being delivered to Unified Command.

Conoco Phillips Oil Spill:

The Conoco Phillips facility in Cuero, TX reported an oil spill consisting of 316 barrels due to Harvey. The spill has impacted Denton Creek. And an emergency response team is responding out of the Corpus Christi Incident Command Post.

On August 31st, Conoco Phillips indicated that they cannot drive to the facility. The Texas Railroad Commission and USCG drove as close to the facility as they could yesterday. No sheen of oil was observed, but the water flowed at a good pace. Waters are receding in the area and personnel will likely be able to access the facility to better assess the release and perform a response in the next day or so. Conoco Phillips is updating their release totals to 385 barrels of oil and 76-barrel produced water since the tanks are on their side.

Disaster Declarations Issued:

- On August 25th, a major disaster declaration was issued for the state of TX for Hurricane Harvey.
 - An additional 14 counties were added this morning
- On August 28th, an emergency declaration was issued for the state of Louisiana for Tropical Storm Harvey.

Region 6:

The Region 6 REOC is currently activated and is working under a limited Emergency Support Function (ESF) 10 FEMA Mission Assignment (MA). In addition, Region 6 has received an MA to assist the State of Texas with drinking water, wastewater, and Hazmat recovery operations. This MA for almost \$8.6 million added 184 EPA and Coast guard (CG) personnel to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Harvey response in Corpus Christi, Houston, and surrounding impacted areas. An additional MA for \$20,000 has been issued to deploy EPA employees to various locations which include but are not limited to the Texas EOC and the Denton RRCC to support response operations.

Regional Mission Assignments:

Mission Assignment Number	Funding Amount	Description of Assignment
MA4332DRTX3	\$8,592,000	R6 Field Ops incl. assessing drinking & waste water infrastructure,
		implementation of Response
		Manager tracking system, response
		to hazardous substances & oil
		discharges or releases.
MA4332DRTX1	\$20,000	Deployment of EPA to various
		locations, including but not limited to
		Texas EOC and the Denton RRCC to
		support response operations.
Total Funds	\$8,612,000	

Headquarters Mission Assignments:

Mission Assignment Number	Funding Amount	Description of Assignment
MA4332DRTX1	\$10,000	FEMA HQ ESF-10 Desk Support
Total Funds	\$10,000	

Region 6 deployed 2 OSCs on August 25th. One OSC deployed to the FEMA Regional Response Center in Denton, Texas and the second OSC to the State of Texas Operations Center in Austin, Texas.

Region 6 has requested 4 OSCs from Region 2 to deploy to the Houston area. Four OSCs from the availability list have agreed to deploy September 1st, depending on the availability of flights. The REOC in Edison is coordinating logistics for this deployment.

EPA Headquarters:

The HQ EOC activated at 0900 on August 28 and is at Level 1 operations in support of the Region 6 response to Tropical Storm Harvey. The HQ EOC is coordinating on several levels with Region 6 and other Federal agencies. The HQ EOC has deployed personnel to the FEMA NRCC to staff the ESF #10 watch. EPA Senior Management that comprise the Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC) is in the process of developing senior management objectives that will form the basis of field strategy and tactics in response to Harvey.

National Incident Management Team (N-IMAT):

EPA has activated the N-IMAT consisting of highly skilled response personnel from Regions 3, 4, and 5 to advise and assist R6 with response activities. Members of the N-IMAT arrived in Dallas on August 29 and are integrated into the Incident Management Team structure.

<u>Criminal Investigation Division (CID):</u>

EPA's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is sending 25 special agents as a Quick Reaction Team (QRT) to south TX to support the response to Harvey. The response is managed as part of the MA under ESF-13. Currently QRTs are being deployed to provide law enforcement support search and rescue operations, medical assistance teams and mortuary teams during the initial response phase of the response to Harvey. The EPA CID QRT is anticipated to be deployed September 1st, to the affected area for approximately one week.

State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions:

On August 30th, four National Incident Management Team members traveled to Corpus Christi to establish the Unified Command Center. EPA Region 6, TCEQ, Texas General Land Office (TGLO), and Coast Guard are operating in Unified Command. On August 30th, the Unified Command will have seven teams in the field conducting reconnaissance. The teams will consist of personnel from Region 6, TCEQ, Civil Support Corps, and a CG strike team.

Number of R6 Personnel Involved:

Personnel	EPA R6 Dallas, TX	FEMA Denton, TX	Texas SOC Austin, TX	TCEQ Austin, TX	Houston, TX	Corpus Christi, TX	Totals
R6	30	1	1	10	2	6	50
START	5			1	3	5	14
ERRS						6	6
IT Contractor	1						1
TOTAL	36	1	1	11	5	17	71

Number of HQ Personnel Involved in the EOC:

Personnel	OAR	OCFO	OCSPP	OEI	OLEM	ОР	ow	Totals
Employees	2	0	0	2	6	1	2	13
Contractors	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
TOTAL	2	0	0	3	8	1	2	16

Other EPA Response Activities

EPA Laboratory/Analytical Services:

EPA's aerial assessment aircraft, ASPECT, deployed to assess the conditions at the Arkema chemical facility in Crosby. EPA's Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) vehicle is en route from North Carolina to assist with air monitoring in the impacted areas and is scheduled to arrive by September 1st. EPA's Portable High-Throughput Integrated Laboratory Identification System (PHILIS) units are en route from Denver to the Corpus Christi area and are anticipated to arrive on September 1st. The mobile laboratory will be used to process environmental samples.

On August 31, EPA deployed four teams made up of On Scene Coordinators and contractors to Houston to coordinate with TCEQ, TGLO, and USCG and began responding to releases and spills at facilities. The teams will conduct rapid needs assessments, oil assessments, and hazards evaluations.

EPA is deploying four teams of On Scene Coordinators and contractors to Beaumont-Port Arthur to coordinate with TCEQ, TGLO, and US Coast Guard in responding to releases and spills at facilities. These teams will stage in Houston until weather allows them to enter the Beaumont-Port Arthur area.

On Saturday, September 2, EPA will send four additional Drinking Water/Wastewater Assessment Teams to Corpus Christi, and four Drinking Water/Wastewater Assessment Teams to Houston.

EPA's Houston laboratory is reporting that they will be closed until September 5. The laboratory and office building are not damaged. Region 6 has back up capabilities for laboratory services should the Houston facility remain closed. The mobile laboratory and response vehicles are secure and may be deployed when road conditions allow.

The EPA Regional Emergency Operations Center Liaison for the State of Louisiana, is reporting that the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) does not currently have any environmental emergencies resulting from the Hurricane Harvey rainfall. To date, LDEQ has not set up its IMT and does not plan to unless something significantly changes. LDEQ is making calls associated with some wastewater treatment plants in the area. The main focus for Louisiana at this point is supporting individuals evacuating from impacted areas in Texas. EPA continues to monitor the situation in Louisiana and stay in close communication with LDEQ.

Quality Assurance Sampling Plans (QASP) for Surface Water Quality Monitoring:

Region 6 Environmental Unit is currently working on a number of sampling and analysis plans in preparation for future sampling tasks.

Industrial Sources:

Region 6 is working with TCEQ to contact industrial sources within the impacted area to determine their operational status and determine what support can be provided with the monitoring of the start-up of industrial sources along the coastal area of TX. Exxon's oil refinery near Houston has reported suffered damage from Harvey.

On August 29, TCEQ reported that Valero's Corpus Christi refinery had planned to begin start-up operations, running at 60% capacity until approximately September 3.

EPA is deploying four teams of OSCs and contractors to Beaumont-Port Arthur to coordinate with TCEQ, TGLO, and USCG in responding to releases and spills at facilities. These teams will stage in Houston until weather allows them to enter the Beaumont-Port Arthur area.

Drinking Water/Wastewater Assessments:

The Region 6 Drinking and Wastewater Team will mobilize on August 30 to Corpus Christi to assist with drinking water and waste water field assessments. One Water Infrastructure team consisting of two TCEQ staff is slated to visit two systems based on information developed by the TCEQ/EPA call bank in Austin. EPA is supporting TCEQ in contacting drinking water and waste water systems. Region 6 deployed 10 personnel to assist TCEQ's Drinking Water and Waste Water Phone Bank located in Austin.

Conditions continue to be monitored at the Houston Northeast Water Purification Plant that is the largest water treatment plant in the city. Currently, the plant remains in operation and is maintaining sufficient pressure to keep the system charged and delivering water. The plant is experiencing flood conditions that may overtop the facility and no corrective action can be taken should the facility overtop. The facility would have to go offline until the flood waters recede to allow for re-energizing. George Bush International Airport is dependent upon this facility. The State and FEMA are aware of the situation and will support and provided assets as needed to support the facility.

On August 31, the EPA representative at the FEMA's Regional Response Coordination Center reported that the City of Beaumont is out of potable water. The drinking water system's pumps are underwater and not functional. On Saturday, September 2, EPA will send four additional Drinking Water/Wastewater Assessment Teams to Corpus Christi, and four Drinking Water/Wastewater Assessment Teams to Houston.

One water infrastructure team consisting of two TCEQ staff are assessing systems based on information developed by the TCEQ/EPA call bank in Austin, TX. Additional EPA Region 6 Water Team members are prepared to deploy to Corpus Christi once lodging is established. EPA continues to support TCEQ in contacting drinking water and waste water systems. EPA deployed 10 personnel to assist TCEQ's Drinking Water and Waste Water Phone Bank located in Austin, Texas on August 28.

Drinking Water Operational Status

Current Status: Operational status codes best describe the condition of the system <u>at the time of the current</u> assessment.

Status	Status		Number of
Code	Detail	Status Code Description	Systems*
ΩV	No	Normal power was never lost (or was restored before pressure	368
OK	problems	loss) AND System never lost treatment.	200

CLEAR	Lifted BWN due to neg. BacT samples. Normal operations resumed	BW lifted – negative BacT results. System has returned to normal operations, on grid power and with treatment. CLEAR code used when sampling has been used to lift BWN, otherwise OK code is used.	10
GENOK	On generator – never lost pressure	Currently operating on emergency power/generator but system never lost pressure and/or treatment (generator wear out/refueling concerns).	17
GENLP	On generator – lost pressure	Currently operating on emergency power/generator and system lost pressure and/or treatment before getting emergency power (contamination concerns).	4
LP/LT	Lost pressure & or Treatment	System on grid power but has lost pressure and or treatment and has not been able to lift BWN.	37
RESULTS	BacT sample results pending	System functional, flushed and BacT samples collected to clear BWN.	5
NOP	NO.	Contact made with system. System is offline & or unable to maintain required pressure and/or treatment.	40
SITE	Site visit needed	Contact attempted at least 3 times over 3 days by phone. Site visit to be conducted.	1
OUT	Out of Contact	Contact attempted by phone but system is unreachable; will call again.	22
NO STATUS	No Status Available	No Contact made.	4008
*Total nun	nber of syste	ms from 50 TX counties tracked in Response Manager system.	4512

Note: Codes that result in Red & Yellow will require additional follow up (phone or site). Blue codes require a site visit.

Water Operational Definition: All drinking water served to customers is treated to National Primary Drinking Water Standards and is moving through all parts of the distribution system at or above the state-required minimum pressure (20 psi or 35 psi for Harris County). The system is able to meet these requirements on a permanent basis in lieu of a temporary basis in response to the incident.

Boil Water Notice (BWN): A BWN is required any time a system drops below 20 psi at any point in the distribution system. A 24-hour public notification is required and a system must take bacteriological (BacT) samples once the minimum 20 psi can be consistently maintained. Bacteriological sample analysis must return an "absent" result indicating the sample is absent of bacteriological contamination.

Wastewater Operational Status

Current Status: Operational status codes best describe the condition of the system <u>at the time of the</u> current assessment.

Status Code	Status Detail	Status Code Description	Number of Systems*
OK	No Problems	WWTP and Collection system fully operational and on grid power	376
OpGen	WWTP and Collection on Generator	WWTP and/or Collection system is fully operational and on Generator Power or bypass pumps for lift stations (generator wear out/refueling concerns).	21
Рор	WWTP and Collection Partially Operational SSO	WWTP and/or Collection system partially operational – Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) in collection system (public health concerns).	15
NonOp	WWTP and Collection non-operational no SSO	WWTP and/or Collection system non- operational – No Sanitary Sewer Overflow	26
SITE	Site Visit Needed	Contact attempted at least 3 times over 3 days by phone. Site visit to be conducted.	0
OUT	Out of Contact - phone eval only	Contact attempted by phone but system unreachable; will call again.	3
NO STATUS	No Status Available	No Contact made.	2028
*Total nur	mber of systems from 50 TX counties trac	ked in Response Manager system.	2469

Note: Codes that result in Red & Yellow will require additional follow up (phone or site). Blue codes require a site visit.

Wastewater Operational Definition - All domestic wastewater collected, treated then discharged or land applied is permitted through the Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination System (30 TAC 305 rules) and discharges are required to meet the standards set by the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards and the Federal Clean Water Act. The wastewater collection and treatment system is able to meet these requirements on a permanent basis in lieu of a temporary basis in response to the incident. This definition does not include "onsite wastewater treatments systems" regulated under 30 TAC 285.

Fuel Waivers:

EPA has waived requirements for reformulated gasoline and low volatility gasoline through September 15 in the following states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; all Midwestern states located in PADD 2 - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Wisconsin; and all Gulf coast states located in PADD 3 – Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Texas.

Harvey Related Fuel Waiver Requests

Harvey Related Fuel Affected State	Waiver Request	Date Received	Status Talking Point	Waiver Response
Reid Vapor Pressure Red	quirements Waive	ers		
Texas	Letter from TCEQ requesting a waiver of the RVP, RFG and TxLED standards in the Governor's Disaster Proclamation	8/25/17	Granted on 8/25/17	https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/eastern-and- coastal-texas-fuels-waiver
Georgia	Amended letter from Georgia Department of Natural Resources for Atlanta RVP to waive 7.8 RVP requirement to 11.5 RVP	8/29/17	Granted on 8/29/17	https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/louisiana- fuels-waiver
Louisiana	Letter from Louisiana governor requesting a waiver of the low RVP requirements.	8/28/17	Granted on 8/28/17	https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017- 08/documents/louisianafuelswaiver082817.pdf
Arkansas	The state is drafting a waiver request to temporarily waive the requirement for low 9.0lb RVP fuel.	8/31/17	N/A	N/A

Affected State	Waiver Request	Date Received	Status Talking Point	Waiver Response
Oklahoma	A statewide low RVP fuel waiver request was submitted and then the request was amended.	8/28/17	8/30/17	https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/second-multi- state-fuels-waivers
Dyed NRLM Diesel Fu	uel Waiver			
Texas	Letter from Texas Comptroller requesting a waiver of using dyed NRLM diesel fuel in motor vehicles.	8/29/17	Granted on 8/29/17	https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/texas-diesel- waiver

	Data Status
Waiver	
Affected State	Date Talking Waiver Response
Request	
	Received Point

*PADD: Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts

Other EPA Response Actions:

<u>Data Management:</u> Two Data Team members have been deployed and are expected to arrive in Corpus Christi by September 1. Region 6 will provide technical support to state regulatory agencies both at the GLO and TCEQ to gather data and information in Response Manager, a systemized response data management system.

Communications:

An EPA HQ Public Information Officer (PIO) is fully integrated into the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA communication structure and management, and participates in the daily National Incident Communication Conference Line (NICCL) call. EPA has initiated its Crisis Communication Plan to ensure rapid response to providing coordinated, accurate, up-to-date information regarding its field activities. EPA's Public Information Office will be established in Dallas with forward field components as needed to support the HQ Office of Public Affairs.

EOC PIO is currently working with program offices and OPA to review and approve fact sheets on a variety of topics related to EPA's response activities. OPA plans to post the fact sheets to the response website as they get approved. Fact sheets prepared by OW and OLEM will be posted by August 31st. EOC PIO continues to work on review and approval of additional fact sheets provided by ORD, OCSPP and OAR / ORIA (Indoor Air Quality). We are also coordinating with FEMA / ESF-15 on external messaging and communications.

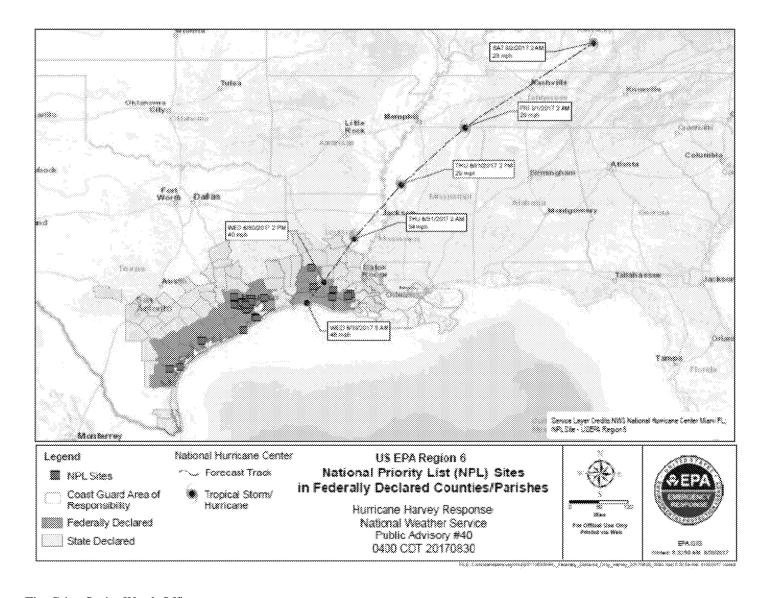
Under a FEMA MA, EPA deployed a Public Affairs Officer to the ESF-15 Joint Information Center in Austin. The EPA Public Information Unit in Dallas is fully operational and supported by a Public Information Assistance Team (PIAT). An EPA PIO is also in Corpus Christi to support operations at the ESF-10 Unified Command.

<u>Superfund NPL Sites:</u> EPA Remedial Managers will initiate follow-up activities at the 31 Superfund NPL sites within the storm path to conduct rapid damage assessments and determine if additional emergency cleanup activities are necessary.

Superfund Site Name	State	County	Status
American Creosote Deridder	LA	Beauregard	
Gulf State Utilities (North Ryan Street)	LA	Calcasieu	
Mallard Bay Landing Bulk Plant	LA	Cameron	
Sba Shipyard	LA	Jefferson Davis	
Pab Oil & Chemical Service	LA	Vermilion	
Gulf Coast Vacuum Services	LA	Vermilion	
D.L. Mud, Inc.	LA	Vermilion	
Gulfco Marine Maintenance	TX	Brazoria	
Alcoa (Point Comfort) / Lavaca Bay	TX	Calhoun	
Tex-Tin Corp.	TX	Galveston	
Motco, Inc.	TX	Galveston	
Malone Services Company	TX	Galveston	
Sikes Disposal Pits	TX	Harris	

Superfund Site Name	State	County	Status
French, Ltd.	TX	Harris	
Highlands Acid Pit	TX	Harris	
North Cavalcade Street	TX	Harris	
South Cavalcade Street	TX	Harris	
Crystal Chemical Co.	TX	Harris	
Sol Lynn / Industrial Transformers	TX	Harris	
Geneva Industries / Fuhrmann Energy	TX	Harris	
Harris (Farley Street)	TX	Harris	
Brio Refining Inc.	TX	Harris	
Dixie Oil Processors Inc.	TX	Harris	
Many Diversified Interests, Inc	TX	Harris	
Patrick Bayou	TX	Harris	
Jones Road Groundwater Plume	TX	Harris	
San Jacinto River Waste Pits	TX	Harris	
Us Oil Recovery	TX	Harris	
Petro-Chemical Systems, Inc. (Turtle Bayou)	TX	Liberty	
Brine Service Co.	TX	Nueces	Inspected on 8/30/17. No offsite release or onsite damage.
Falcon Refinery	TX	San Patricio	Inspected on 8/30/17. No offsite release or onsite damage.

Superfund National Priority List (NPL) Sites in Federally Declared Counties



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